Rustburg falls, 37-6

Raiders win again

The Raider varsity football team continued its romp through the 1982 season Friday night with a 37-6 victory against Rustburg.

The Red Devils' touchdown, which came in the third quarter following a long kick return, was the first score against the Raider defense this season. The Raiders are now 5-0 on the season.

The Raiders scored twice in the first half, on a short run in the first quarter by Dennis Fleshman, and on a second-quarter pass from quarterback Kevin Ferguson to Rodney Bryant.

Phil Agee kicked a 22-yard field goal in the third quarter following the Rustburg touchdown to increase the Raiders' lead to 17-6, then Pete McIvor broke through the Red Devils defense and scampered 61 yards for the Raiders' third touchdown.

The Raiders scored twice in the fourth quarter, on a short burst into the end zone by Fleshman, and on a 15-yard run by steve Hamlett.

RAIDER RUNNING BACK STEVE HAMLETT scampers around end as Ricky Miller blocks Rustburg's G.R. Campbell. The Raiders won the game 37-6. Rustburg was the first team to score on Appomattox this season. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

The Raiders had 92 yards passing and 245 yards rushing for 341 total yards offense. Appomattox made nine first downs against Rustburg.

Quarterback Kevin Ferguson went five for ten in the passing department, and threw for one touchdown. Rodney Bryant had two receptions for 28 yards, Greg Mayberry had one catch for eight yards, Allen Edmonds had one reception for 15 yards, and Jody Williams caught one pass for 41 yards.

Pete McIvor had 115 yards on seven carries, Fleshman had 93 yards on 15 carries, Steve Hamlett had 26 yards on three carries, and Gary Ferguson had 14 yards on six carries for the Raiders. Phil Agee kicked a field goal and four extra points for a total of seven points in the Appomattox effort.

Rustburg had 43 yards rushing and 23 yards passing, and made seven first downs in the game.

Coach Gary Cuccio commended the "whole defensive unit" for their performance against the powerful Rustburg offense.

"this was a hard-hitting Rustburg team," Cuccio noted. "They played us very close."

This week, the Raiders will face Buckingham inthe Appomattox County High School Homecoming game.

"Overall, Buckingham is probably the biggest team we'll face this season," Cuccio noted. "Their front line is extremely big, 272, 225, 216, 212 and 185 pounds," the coach added.

Cuccio said the Knights are a "very physical team. This is going to be a tough game for us."

The Homecoming game gets underway this Friday night at 8 p.m. at Bragg Stadium behind Appomattox Middle School on Route 460.

Jayvees fall to unbeaten Rustburg

The undefeated Rustburg High School junior varsity squad handed the jayvee Raiders their second defeat of this season Thursday afternoon, 29-18.

The Raiders scored first when Russell Walton barrelled over the goal line from five yards out in the second quarter. The Red Devils tied the game at 6-6 with a touchdown in the waning moments of first half.

In the second half, the Raider offense was plagued by mistakes and the Red Devils opened up a 21-6 lead with two quick touchdowns, including one on a 60-yard punt return. But the Raiders did not go down without a fight. James Baker returned a Rustburg fumble 50 yards to the 10, and the Raiders punched in another score when Walton ran in from one yard out.

Rustburg then scored again to make the score 29-12. But Raider Duane Patterson broke loose on the kickoff and returned the ball to the Rustburg 10-yard line. The Raider's second offense took over and scored when quarterback Jeff Motley hit tight end Charles Foster for the final touchdown of the game.

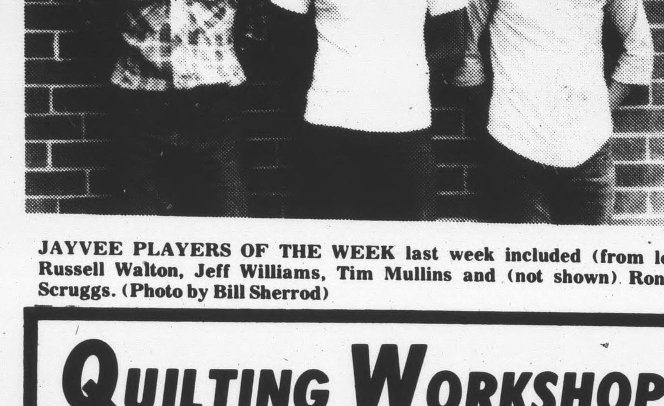
"Our offense is still inconsistent and is still making some mistakes which forces the defense to stay on the field too long," commented coach Howard Claybough. "This, of course, wears our defense down," the coach added.

"We were up against a team that had size and talent. I could see why they haven't been beaten yet," the coach added.

The Raiders now have a 2-2-1 record and travel to Buckingham today (Thursday) to play the Knights.

Jayvee Raider backs of the week last week were Russell Walton (two touchdowns, 12 tackles) and Ronald Scruggs (56 yards rushing and one completed pass for 12 yards).

Linemen of the week include Jeff Williams (seven tackles and good offensive blocking) and Tim Mullins (excellent offensive blocking and good play at defensive end.)



JAYVEE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK last week included (from left) Russell Walton, Jeff Williams, Tim Mullins and (not shown) Ronald Scruggs. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

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Sports

Root for the runners Saturday

Appomattox residents are encouraged to come out Saturday to watch the Joe Sweeney 10K Classic which begins at 1:00 at Appomattox County High school travels along Lee-Grant Avenue, down Court Street, and through the Main Street area, turning at Jeanne's to return along the same course. Line-up along the race route and cheer for the runners of all speeds. Each one needs your encouragement.

If you are downtown in the Railroad Festival area, watch for runners to start down Main street around 1:15. Move out of the street and encourage others to do so. Cheer for them and help get the crowds to cheer. We have many visitors in Appomattox for this race - make them welcome by applauding cheering, and offering encouragement. Let them know that Appomattox is aware of the Joe Sweeney 10K Classic.

If it's a hot day and you live along the course, pull out your garden hose and spray the runners. However, don't aim the hose directly at the runners. Some runners don't want the extra weight of wet shoes. The hose should be pointed in such a way that it gives the runners an option. Spray lightly on the edge of the road so that if the runners don't want to get cooled off they can stay in the center of the road.

Spectators can be more then on-lookers at a long distance race. They can lend valuable support, giving the runner a lift when he needs it most to help finish a race. Sometimes just an encouraging word can make a difference. Please come out Saturday and give your support to all the runners..make this a race they'll remember and place on their schedule for the years to come.

Tickets available

Tickets to Friday night's ACHS homecoming game against Buckingham will be sold at the school during all three lunch shifts this week, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Cost of the tickets is $2.50 each.

There will be a homecoming parade Friday afternoon before the game with Buckingham.

Slip past Rustburg

Raiderettes split

The Raiderette varsity basketbell team slipped past Rustburg 53-52 last Tuesday, then fell to a powerfull Gretna team 46-36 in Thurday evening's contest.

Sandra Watkins sank a 10-foot jump shot at the buzzer to capture Tuesday's game against Rustburg.

The Raiderettes had taken a five-point lead into the locker room at the half, 29-24. In the second half, Rustburg came on strong, taking a two-point lead at the end of the third quarter. In the fourth quarter. it appeared as if the Lady Red Devils were running away with the game, as they built a lead of as much as eight points before the Raiderettes began their comeback.

Ruby Smith scored 10 of the team's 14 points in the fourth quarter, and with the final seconds ticking off the clock, Watkins got an offensive rebound and sank her game-winning shot at the buzzer.

Smith led Raiderette scorers with 28 points, seven rebounds, seven steals, and two assists, Watkins had 21 points, four rebounds, two steals and three assists; Kaye Brown had two rebounds and one steal; Lisa Pannell had three rebounds and two steals; Sally Coleman had two rebounds and one assist; Cheryl Williams had two points, two rebounds, and five assists; and Robin Paulette had two points, two rebounds and three assists against Rustburg.

Kim Lair, Angie Jones and Kathy Charlton all scored in double figures for the Lady Red Devils, with 16, 14, and 10 points, respectively.

In Thursday's game, the Gretna defense managed to shut down the Raiderettes' scoring game, with the exception of Smith and Watkins, who scored 18 points each in the 46-36 loss.

Smith had eight rebounds, six steals, and three assists in addition to he 18 points, and Watkins had five rebounds, three steals, and one assist with her 18 points.

Kaye Brown had eight rebounds, two steals, and one assist; Robin Paulette had one rebound, and seven assists; Cheryl Wiliams had two rebounds, one steal, and two assists; Lisa Pannell had five rebounds and Sally Coleman had two rebounds against Gretna.

This week, the Raiderettes were scheduled to play William Campbell Tuesday after the **Times-Virginian** deadline. Tonight (Thursday) the team will travel to Jefferson Forest and next Tuesday the team will play Nelson County at home. Jayvee games start at 6:30 p.m., with varisyt games starting 30 minutes after the end of the Jayvee game.

Golfers win 12

The Appomattox County High School Golf team finished its regular season with a 12-4 record this year, according to coach Doug Marshall.

In quadrangular meets, the team had three first-place finishes, one second-place finish and one third-place finish. In the recent Nelson-Wintergreen Invitational, the team finished seventh out of ten teams.

The team was scheduled t[o] participate in the district matc[h] yesterday (Wednesday) at th[e] Winton Country Club. The regiona[l] match, which will feature the tw[o] teams finishing highest in th[e] district match and three individual[s] is scheduled for next Wednesday a[t] Winton.

Four gridders cited

Pete McIvor, Rodney Bryant, Todd Scruggs and Robert Paulette were named Appomattox varsity football players of the week for their performances in Friday night's game against Rustburg.

McIvor carried the ball offensively seven times for 115 yards and one touchdown.

Rodney Bryant had two receptions for 28 yards and one touchdown on offense. On defense, he had one interception, seven tackles and four assists.

Todd Scruggs did "an excellent job all night opening holes in the line from his center position," according to Raider Coach Cary Cuccio.

Robert Paulette, defensive lineman, had five solo tackles and nine assists against the Red Dev[ils] offense Friday night.

Mites win

The Appomattox Mites won thei[r] first ball game Saturday, defeatin[g] Altavista 24-12.

Offensively the Mites rushed fo[r] 198 yards. Jimmy Fedison passe[d] 5-for-5 for 47 yards. Outstanding running backs were Gaylord Fleshman - - 96 yards and Rockey Motley - - 62 yards.

Defensive standouts were Rocky Motley, Gaylord Fleshman, Ronnie Mann, Cameron Fleshman, Matt Moore, Matt Webb, Dan Osborne, Ray Archer and Jimmy Fedison.

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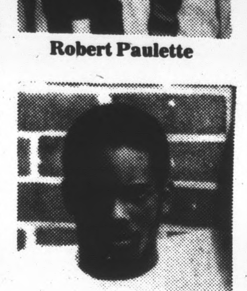
Stellar Performers

At right are the Appomattox varsity football players who were named offensive and defensive linemen and backs of the week following the Rustburg game. For full details, see sports page.

Robert Paulette



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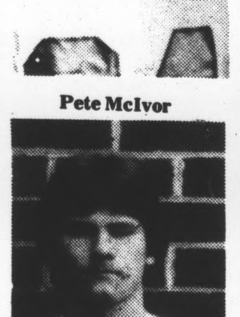

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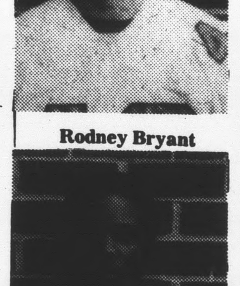

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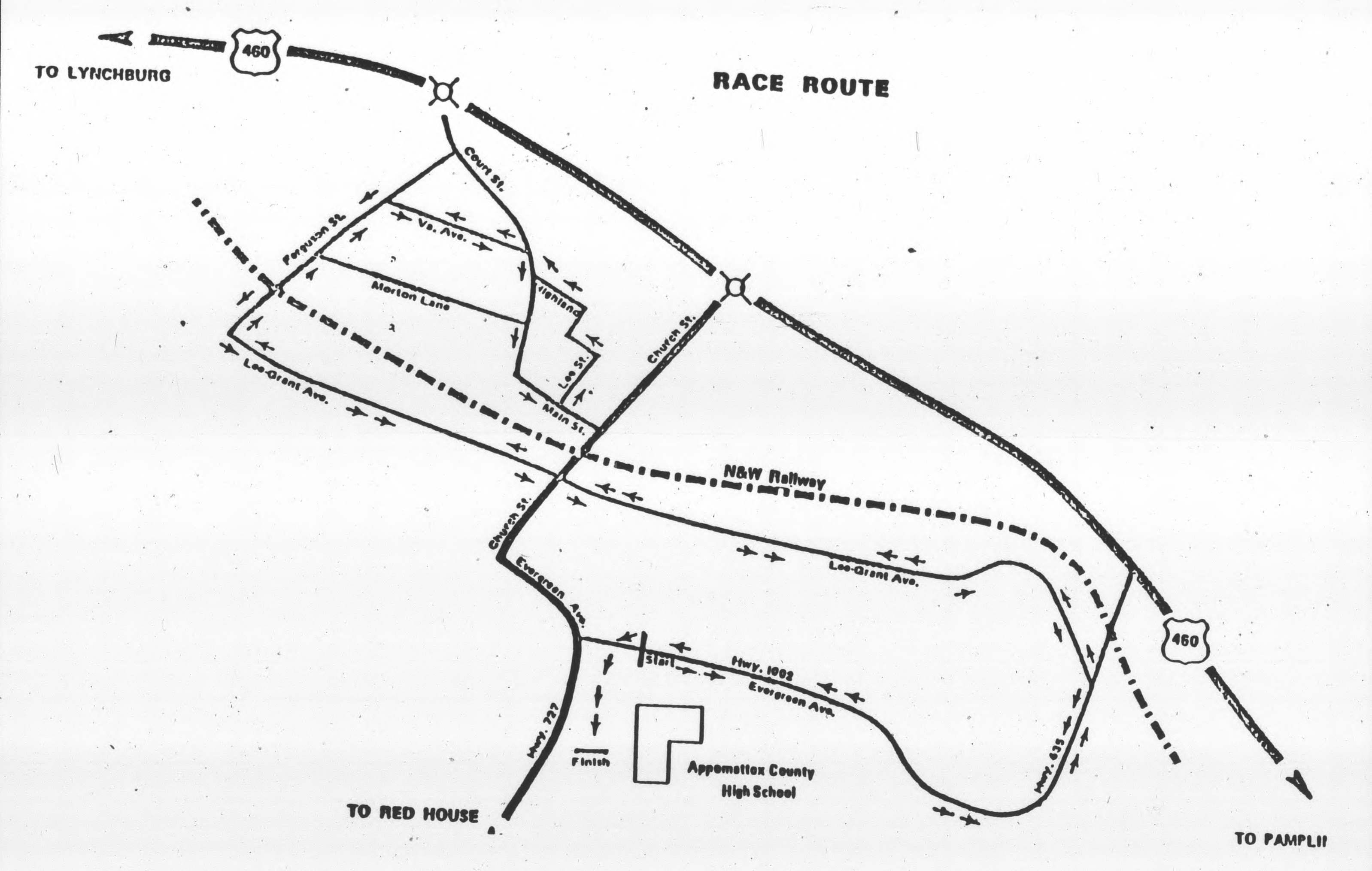

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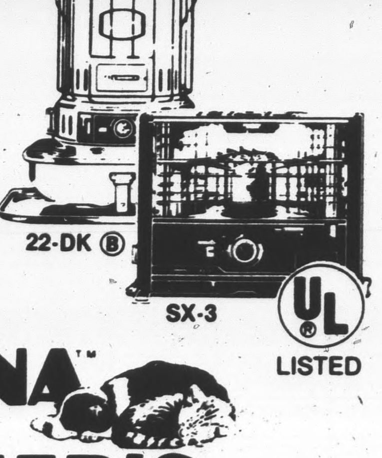

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